(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5500/94).

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education) Notification G.S.R. No. 516(E), dated the 20th July, 1993, publishing the Financial Adviser, University Grants Commission (Recruitment) Rules, 1993, under sub-section (3) of section 25 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5411/94).

Report of the Public Accounts Committee

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE (MAHARASHTRA): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Fifty seventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee (10th Lok Sabha) on Outside Production Doordarshan.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COURT OF THE

ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) :

Madam, I move :

"That in pursuance of item (xxiv) of clause (1) of Statute 14 of the Statutes of the Aligarh Muslim University, as amended by the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1981 (62 of 1981), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Court of the Aligarh Muslim University."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 7TH MARCH, 1994

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : Madam, I rise to announce that the Government business in this House for the next week will consist of :

1. Discussion on the Resolution seeking disapproval of the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 1994 and consideration and passing of the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1994.

2. Discussion on the Resolution seeking disapproval of the Air Corporations (Transfer of Undertaking and Repeal) Ordinance, 1994 and consideration and passing of the Air Corporations (Transfer of Undertakings and repeal) Bill, 1992, as passed by Lok Sabha.

3. Further consideration of the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh) Madam Vice-Chairman, you are successfully prevented from raising further points of order by being called here.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan.

REFERENCES

Threat to Communal Harmony in South India

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, I want to draw the attention of the House and the Government to a very serious issue in Pondicherry and in the entire south. A fundamentalist organisation has made a serious attempt to take over one of the most famous churches. An attempt has already been made in Pondicherry itself. And a threat also exists to the rest of the churches in Tamil Nadu. Madam, the church I mentioned is one of immaculate construction, more than 200 years old, built in 1748. Continuous worship

has taken place in that church. It is a historic structure and a place of worship. Worship has taken place there, in Pondicherry, for over 200 years, without let or hindrance. Two people from this fundamentalist outfit broke into the church. They lit the 'aarathi'in that church. And they now claim that a Shiva temple existed in that church before and they want to take over that. Madam, there is a state of terror existing around that church though there if no public supoort at all. They have threatened that by March 10, they are going to move in and take over the church and search for the 'Shiva Linga' which, they claim, has been hidden by the church autorities inside the area of the church and they have given notice to the churgh authorities that there should be a peaceful take-over. (*Interruptions*). I have not finished yet. They have invited the church authorities to come there for a discussion for the peaceful take-over.

Now, in Tamil Nadu, there is the famous Shrine of Velankanni. According to these people, Shrine Velankanni also originally housed a Hindu temple. And two other famous churches in Tamil Nadu are also there on their agenda for take-over. March 10, they have said, is the particular date.

Madam, this is a very serious issue. So far the people in the south have had communal harmony. These outfits are now trying to disrupt the communal harmony in our States in the south, by starting a new action plan and disturbing the entire peaceful atmosphere in the south of the country. The Government of Pondicherry has taken immediate action and has given protection to the church. But it looks like this disease is going to spread into the State of Tamil Nadu. The Shrine of Velankanni is one of the holiest Christian glines in South India. If they start these activities there also, there is no necessity to say how much chaos is going to ensue in this country. The hon. Home Minister is here. I request him to take this matter very seriously and look into it and tell us what step she is going to take.

SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY (Pondicherry). Madam, I associate myself with Mrs. Jayanthi Natarajan. The Hindu Munnani organisation in Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu have given notice that they are going to demolish 100 churches in South India. And they are going to occupy them under the guise of a 'saiva' or 'vaishnava' tample existing there.

Madam, they are trying to create communal disharmony in the State, especially in my State. They broke into the Church and did *Aarti* there. It was objected to by the State Government. The hon. Home Minister was kind enough to send the police and the armed forces there. It has been cordoned off now. Because of the prompt action taken by the State Government of Pondichecry, they have given a call that they will not do it right now and will go to their respective places. Not only that, in Tamil Nadu also, as Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan said just now, it iss preading. In order to curle hat tendency, I want the hon. Home Minister to issue instruction to the State Government to effectively deal with the situation. When these organisations or any other fundamental organisations, which are going to create disharmony in the country, they have to be severely dealt with. As far as my State is concerned, we need further police force to give protection to the minorities in the State. I want the hon. Home Minister to look into this and help the State.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa) Madam, I request that the Government of India should declare it a protected monument and the Archaeology Survey of India should take it over. I want this assurance from the Government.

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया (बिहार) महोदया, यह तो दो सौ साल पुरानी चर्च है जिसके बारे में इन लोगों ने एक आंदोलन छेड़ रखा है। महोदया, पहले तो 25 दिसम्बर को जिस दिन जीसस क्राइस का जन्म-दिन मनाया जा रहा था, वहां जाकर इन्होंने दीपक जलाया और कहा कि यह तो शिव मंदिर है, यहां शिव-लिंग है और इसको यहां से तोड़कर निकालेंगे। महोदया, इस तरह की धमकी दी जा रही है। महोदया, पूरे नॉर्थ इंडिया में इसी तरह से इन्होंने राम-जन्मभूमि को लेकर आंदोलन चलाया और कृष्ण जन्म-भूमि के नाम पर चलाया। फिर तीन हजार मस्जिदों की लिस्ट बनाकर बैठे हैं। अब गोविंदाचार्य जी ने साउथ इंडिया की एक लिस्ट बनायी है, जहां कि

ये एक सौ चर्चेज तोड़ने की योजना बना रहे हैं, फिर ये गुरुद्वारे तोड़ेंगे। इस तरह ये पूरी माइनोरिटीज को खतरे में डालना चाहते हैं। महोदया, इस तरह की मानसिकता पर अंकुश लगाने की जरूरत है।

उपसभाध्यक्ष श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : अहलुवालिया जी, यह विषय पांडिचेरी का चर्च का है।

श्री एस०एस०अहलुवालिया : महोदया, सभी राजनीतिक दलों को मिलकर इसका फैसला करना होगा कि. . . .

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज) : आप बैठिए।

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : ऐसे लोग जो धार्मिक स्थानों का चुनाव करके बदनाम करना चाहते है, इसलिए इस संबंध में कार्यवाही करने की जरूरत है।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज) : यह विषय पांडिचेरी का है, आप बैठिए। श्री एम० एम० जैकब।

SHRI M. M. JACOB (Kerala) : Madam I am very thankful to you for giving me time to speak Madam, this is a matter of very serious consequences in southern India, as my colleagues from the South have already stated. That is an area where we never had communal trouble or a communal tension even. So, in such a place as Pondicherry when there is a sinister attempt to take over the church, it will have far-reaghing consequences in the entire region. Madam a Bill was passed in Parliament for protection, of places of worship and that is a commitment to the nation that every place of worship will be protected. Madam, Velankanni is a place where hundreds of people of different religions groups, though there is no religion attached to it, come. It is a Christian shrine. Such a place is also under threat. I request the Home Minister to ensure, protection of all religious places of worhsip in our country, especially in South, where it is threatened now, by taking proper action at this time.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATA RAMAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, I join with Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan and Shri V. Naryanasamy in this matter. Madam, the Hindu Munnani are inciting the public to create communal disharmony there. It is a very serious matter and we must find out from where the disease started and before treating the disease we must find out the causes of the disease and then it should be eradicated. Otherwise, a State like Tamil Nadu, which was peaceful till now, would become a disturbed area. It is a very serious matter and I request the Home Minister to take very serious and stringent measure against all these fundamental forces.

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala) : Madam, I do not want to take such of your time. The seiousness of the matter is well known. I would only like to ask the hon. Home Minister through you, Madam, whether effective steps would be taken to protect this structure. I would also like to know whether those steps would be as effective as the steps taken in the case of Babri Masjid. This is the only thing I want to know.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, I also associate myself with the sentiments expressed by Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan. Both the Churches, the Velankanni Church and the Pondicherry Church are holy places for the Christians and not hundreds, as Mr. Jacob said, but thousands of people go to Velankanni. . . .

. . . .including the Hindus. They also go there. It is incumbent on the part of the Government of India and the State Governments to protect these places of worship and no disharmony should be allowed to usurp the harmony of Tamil Nadu in religious places. On behalf of the Anna DMK Party to which I belong, I strongly take exception to the attitude of some people in creating disharmony and I hope that hon. Home Minister will take appropriate strong measures to see that the harmony is protected.

SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL (Madhya Pradesh) : Madam, while I join other friends in expressing our concern for keeping the communal amity, I would like to draw the attention

of the House to the fact that the Hindu Munnani has already withdrawn the proposal..... (*Interruptions*) ..... That problem ends there.

(*Interruption*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : Mr. Narayanasamy you have said it already. whatever he wanted to say he said it.....(*Interruption*) .....Mr. Narayanasamy, please sit down (*Interruption*) Okay, he has said it. Mr. Inder Kumar Gujaral (*Interruptions*).....Mr Inder Kumar Gujral

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : Madam, may I say something ?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : The Home Minister is on his legs..... (*Interruptions*) .....Please sit down. The Home Minister is on his legs. Please listen to him.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN : Madam, it is a matter of great concern to all of us that some of the fundamentalist organisations are trying to destroy the communal harmony in Pondicherry and in fact, it seems that the possibilities of its spreading in other are ascannot be ruled out and that is why I have specially written to all the Chief Ministers, including those of Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu and roundabout areas, that if they want any assistance from the Central Government, we are prepared to give them, but we would like to see that a situation as the hon. Member, Shri Baby, has said, like Ayodya, should not be created. We have become wise after the event. That is why we will not depend on any body's promise, that things are not going to take that kind of escape.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : Mr. Gujral. ....(*Interruptions*).....Now, please sit down. The matter is over. Mr. Gujral. ..... (*Interruptions*.....Mr. Gujral. That matter is over. We are now switching over to the the next matter. Mr. Gujral.

U. S. Protests to India

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJARAL (Bihar) : Madam, I would draw the attention of the House to a news in today's press—*The Hindu* is before me—that the United States Charged' Affairs, has made a formal protest to the Ministry of External Affairs about the remarks made by the hon. Home Minister in the Lok Sabha. I, for one, support whatever the Home Minister has said because the situation is very serious and very strange. What are they objecting to ? We are seeing for quite some time now in every turn of events the type of policy which began with Raphael's gaffe, as it is being called, Clinton's remarks in the U. N., Clinton's writing letters to various people who are trying to break India's integrity and their efforts to take off Pakistan from the list of terrorist States. Despite Pakistan's doings and also, at the same time its trying to withdraw the Pressler Amendment relating to the nuclear weapon that Pakistan now has, If my hon. friend, the Home Minister, had taken the House into confidence—and he has told the Lok Sabha—and I hope he will tell us also that he is quite unhappy—and I think, there, he expressed the sentiments of the entire country — and he is unable to understand why the U. S. is going out of its way to bring India—U.S. relations under strain,—We could have joined him in expressing the sentiments of the country. We are seeing every day that everything is happening. for instance, the situation that has now emerged, We do not know what the objectives of the United States are, and that is what the Home Minister has said—and I,for one, with some background of foreign affairs, believe that all these acts, put together, do not mean only casual remarks, I am glad that the Government of India — and I hope he represents the Government of India's views — is taking a serious view of it, particularly when the Under Secretary of State of America is coming here in a week or so—I am in favour of letting the diplomat's come here : I am not in favour of boycotting anything but I am also equally keen—and I want that in the light of the Resolution that has been passed here and also in the Lok Sabha, the views of the country must be firmly convyed. The Indian people, whatever our politics be, firmly stand for the integrity of India, the unity of India, the secular character of India and this, we will preserve with all sacrifice and with all emphasis.

प्रोफेसर विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दिल्ली) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदया, जो सवाल गुजराल साहब ने उठाया है, मैं उनकी इस भावना के साथ सहमति